

04-613

Translation
No.1505

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note from the Embassy dated August 24, 1998, which contains the following:

"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and has the honor to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding, signed at Washington December 3rd, 1993, as extended, between the government of the United States of America and the government of the People's Republic of China on Effective Cooperation and Implementation of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215 of December 31, 1991. The United States of America believes that the Memorandum of Understanding promotes the cooperation between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China on handling the illegal driftnets operations in the North Pacific Ocean.

The Embassy, on behalf of the government of the United States of America, has the honor to propose that the Memorandum of Understanding which expired on December 31, 1998, be extended for a three-year period, to December 31, 2001. If this proposal is acceptable to the government of the People's Republic of China, the Embassy further proposes that this note and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' agreed note shall constitute an agreement between two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' note in reply."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the government of People's Republic of China, confirms that it agrees to what has contained in the above note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurance of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
People's Republic of China
Beijing, December 2nd, 1998

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 517

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and has the honor to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Effective Cooperation and Implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/215 of December 20, 1991, done at Washington on December 3, 1993, as extended. The United States believes that this Agreement has been very effective in encouraging cooperation between the United States and China with regard to the problem of illegal driftnet activity in the North Pacific.

The Embassy has the honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that the Memorandum of Understanding, currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 1998, be extended for three years until December 31, 2001. If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Embassy has the further honor to propose that this note and your note in favorable reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your note in reply.